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Foreword

Four years are but a brief span in history but to the young men who are this year being graduated from Yeshiva College the four-year period which now comes to a close will forever be significant.

These years, however, mean something more than that a prescribed course of study has been completed. Like childhood and adolescence they are to be considered a formative period, a period in which all-important attitudes are developed—attitudes which are to last a lifetime.

They are, in addition, to be looked back upon as a source of pleasant sentiments which will serve as elevating influences when we are humbled by difficulty.

It is the yearbook's purpose to concretize the spirit of these four years, and therefore, the value of a yearbook, like that of wine, increases with the passing of time, because when the memories become dimmed it is to the MASMID that we shall then turn in our attempt to revitalize the sentiments of these, our younger years.

In Dedication

to the twenty-five years of Yeshiva College.

They have, indeed, been years of achievement if only because they represent an experiment which once again is proving that Judaism is ever a dynamic way of life readily giving of its timeless values and constantly adapting itself to progress.

What is most important, Yeshiva College is young and it is its youth which impels it onward to greater things. The future not only offers an opportunity to smooth out the rough edges that still may exist; the future represents a fertile field in which Yeshiva will continue to make its contribution to the American Jewish community.

The Class of 1953.

A History of Yeshiva

With the completion of the 1952-53 academic year, Yeshiva College reaches its twenty-fifth birthday. Although young by American college standards, Yeshiva now, more than anything else, represents a glowing tribute to those practical idealists who foresaw the vital role that it would play in the American Jewish community. The editors of The MASMID thought it would be fitting at this time to trace the development of Yeshiva College as part of its parent institution—Yeshiva University, whose growth has paralleled that of many great American academies of learning which also began as theological seminaries.

Yeshiva College, with its inception on September 25, 1928, was a natural outgrowth of the Yeshivath Etz Chaim, first founded in 1886.

Ten years after the Etz Chaim Yeshiva began to function, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary was founded in memory of the revered sage of Kovno, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spektor, who had recently passed on. This was the first advanced yeshiva in North America in which the curriculum was exclusively devoted to Talmud and Rabbinic literature. Situated at 156 Henry Street in downtown New York City, the school was supervised by Rabbi Benjamin Aranowitz, its one-man faculty.

In 1908, a conference of rabbis, recognizing the students' growing needs for a more general education, permitted them to also attend secular institutions. It was felt that the future rabbis would thus be better prepared to serve on the American scene. And significantly enough, it is this idea of service to the community that has been the guiding principle in the development of Yeshiva University.

In furtherance of this idea, the Talmudical Academy High School was organized in 1915 as an integral part of the Yeshiva. That year also witnessed the merger of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary with the Yeshivath Etz Chaim. The enlarged institution, with Dr. Bernard Revel as Rosh Ha-Yeshiva, moved to more spacious quarters at 9-11 Montgomery Street. The first Smicha Convocation was held on March 23, 1919.

The Teachers Institute, originally opened by the Mizrachi Organization of America in 1917 for the

301-3 East Broadway

Amsterdam Avenue at 186th Street

training of orthodox Hebrew teachers, became part of the Yeshiva in 1921, and once again the Yeshiva moved, this time to 301-3 East Broadway.

A charter amendment by the New York State Board of Regents in 1924 granted the institution the right to confer the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature. Meanwhile, plans were being formulated for the establishment of Yeshiva College, and at the end of the year, the Yeshiva College Building Fund was launched. On May 1, 1927, the cornerstone was laid for the present main buildings on Amsterdam Avenue and 187th Street. These buildings, erected at a cost of two and one-half million dollars, were dedicated on December 9, 1928. Classes, having begun that September at the Jewish Center of New York, were now moved to the new buildings.

The College faculty consisted at first of sixteen men. Among them were Dr. Revel, President; Dr. Shelley Ray Saphire, Secretary of the Faculty and Professor of Biology; Dr. Bernard Drachman, Instructor in German; Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsburg, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Mr. Abraham Hurwitz, Instructor in Physical Education; Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, Instructor of Chemistry; Dr. Isaac Husik, Lecturer in Civilization; and Dr. Nelson P. Meade, Lecturer in History. Tuition was $300.00 per year.

No exact figures are available concerning the number of students in the first class, but it is known that nineteen students received the Bachelor of Arts degree at the first commencement which was held on June 16, 1932. By that time the faculty had already doubled, comprising a total of thirty-three members among whom were included Drs. Pinkhos Churgin, Leo Jung, Alexander Litman and Kenneth F. Damon, and Yeshiva had begun the publication of its world-famous mathematics journal, Scripta Mathematica. One year later, the charter was amended to give Yeshiva College the right to award the honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters and Doctor of Laws. The following year Dr. Alexander Brody began teaching history and Dr. Eli Levine, the first Yeshiva College graduate to join its faculty, was appointed chemistry laboratory assistant.

In 1935, the first graduate courses were given at the College and two years later the Graduate Department was organized as a separate division. Yeshiva now had 174 students and 46 faculty members including Dr. Samuel Belkin, Instructor in Greek; Mr. Samuel Sar, Instructor in Bible; Dr. Joseph B. Soloveichik, Lecturer in Jewish Philosophy; and Dr. Jacob Hartstein, Acting Registrar, all of whom had joined the College faculty in 1936 along with Drs. Sidney Hoenig, Ralph

First Faculty of Yeshiva College

First Graduating Class of Yeshiva College, 1932

Dedication of Main Building, 1928

Lamport Auditorium

Yeshiva University Library

Rosenberg, Samuel Mirsky, and Aaron Margalith. Drs. Meyer Atlas, Sidney Braun, Alexander Freed and Joseph Lookstein came to Yeshiva in 1938.

The school received permission to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1940. The first recipient of this degree was the late Rabbi Bernhard L. Levinthal. Other recipients of honorary degrees have been the Hon. Herbert Lehman, Professor Albert Einstein, the Hon. Benjamin Cordoza, His Excellency Jan Masaryk, Bernard Baruch, the Hon. Thomas E. Dewey, and Mrs. Fronklin D. Roosevelt.

On December 1, 1940, Dr. Bernard Revel passed away after twenty-five years of devoted work for Yeshiva. The following year the Graduate Department was renamed in his honor.

In 1942 Dr. Belkin was appointed Dean of the Yeshiva; Mr. Sar was made Dean of Men; and Dr. Isaacs, Dean of the College. That same year, Drs. Gershon Churgin, Bernard Floch and Bruno Kisch became members of the faculty. With the election of Dr. Belkin as President in June of 1942, the institution entered a new era of physical and academic expansion. By this time the school had 267 students and 48 faculty members including Drs. Irving Linn and David Fleisher, and Joshua Matz, Bursar.

The Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies and the Institute of Mathematics were formed in 1945. On November 16 of that year the institution became Yeshiva University with the authority to bestow the degrees of Bachelor of Hebrew Literature, Master of Hebrew Literature, Bachelor of Religious Education, Master of Religious Education, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy

The Institute for Advanced Research in Rabbinics, the Audio-Visual Service, the Psychological Clinic and the Educational Service Bureau were all established within the next few years. In 1947 the construction of Graduate and Science Halls, the Pollack Library and the new dormitory on Amsterdam Avenue between 185th and 186th Streets was begun. By 1948, when the new buildings were completed, Yeshiva College consisted of 310 students and 57 faculty members including Karl Adler, Daniel Block, Gottfried Delatour, Nathan Goldberg, Hyman B. Grinstein, Walter Nallin, Emanuel Rackman, Louis Sas, Maurice Chernowitz, Henry Lisman, Earl Ryan, Morris Silverman, Sidney Pleskin, Meyer Terkel, Milton Arfa, Abraham Tauber, and Israel Young, Guidance Director.

The next impressive milestone in the history of Yeshiva occurred on December 14, 1950, when the Board of Regents of the State of New York granted Yeshiva University a charter for a medical school with the right to grant the M.D. and D.D.S. degrees. A compaign wos begun to raise ten million dollars for the medical school to be constructed on Fordham Road in the Bronx. The school is to be operated in conjunction with a forty million dollar hospital now being built by the City of New York.

At a dinner held at Princeton, New Jersey on March 15, 1953, Professor Albert Einstein acknowledged the naming of the Yeshiva University Medical School in his honor.

The Yeshiva College of Medicine is the first medical school under Jewish auspices to be established in America. It will be a nan-sectarian school with faculty and students to be selected solely on the basis of scholarship and ability, without regard to race, color, creed or sex. The College will have a Board of Overseers of outstanding civic and communal leaders representing all faiths. Plans call for the new College of Medicine to be national in scope and "world-wide in influence." Already it has elicited interest and enthusiasm throughaut the United States. Over one thousand applications have been received from prospective students. More than four hundred have applied for faculty appointments, many of them leading figures in American medicine. To the Jewish community, this is an opportunity of a lifetime—to make a unique contribution to medical science and the welfare of America.

A statistical survey made by Mr. Morris Silverman, College Registrar, shows that since 1917, 1,495 young men have received degrees from the various departments of Yeshiva University (excluding the Talmudical Academy). 927 B.A.'s; 560 Rabbinical degrees; 436 Teachers Institute Diplomas; 22 D.H.L.'s; 16 M.S.'s; 5 M.H.L.'s; 3 Ph.D.'s; 1 B.R.E.; 26 L.H.D.'s; 14 LL.D.'s; and 11 D.D.'s have been granted. At present, Yeshiva College, with tuition at $18 a credit, consists of 526 students and 71 faculty members. The latest faculty additions are Helmut Adler, Irving Agus, Manfred Halberstadt, Herbert Robinson, Leo Prijs, Arthur Imerti, and Seymour Lainoff.

Yeshiva has come a long way since the early days of its humble beginnings. But it still refuses to resist the tide of progress by resting on past laurels, and it therefore faces the future with unlimited opportunities for still greater service.

A re-affirmation of the guiding principles of Yeshiva University was recently made by President Belkin. He said: "Yeshiva University has never looked upon itself as a completed university, but rather as a pioneering enterprise. . . . We have no ambitions to become bigger merely for the sake of bigness; we rather consider it our duty to make our contribution in terms af service, and in accordance with the needs of education in general."

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Samuel Belkin, *President*
Yeshiva University

A Message from the President

Today, when you are leaving the ivory tower of Yeshiva for the world of practical realities, you must be prepared to take continuous examinations alone. For in your daily experiences you will be met with unexpected problems and circumstances and your future success will depend on your ability to take advantage of the knowledge which you acquired here in order to give the proper answers to conditions and circumstances as they suddenly arise.

Many of you will forget the particulars of the subjects which you have studied, but all of you should remember the totality of your education which developed in you an intellectual attitude and an appreciation of spiritual values which are, indeed, the most vital parts in a man's education. A real education is one which helps in the developing of the total personality of the individual, not only part of man but the whole man. The type of education which emphasizes only some intellectual aspects of man and neglects his spiritual needs produces a lop-sided individual.

Above all remember that Man's chief virtues consist of honest and courageous convictions, and his refusal to yield to the temptations of expediencies and material opportunities.

I have abiding faith that you will govern your lives by the standards of the Torah and by your American way of life, and that you will consider your education as a means to a greater end—towards consecrated service to God and our fellow men.

Samuel Belkin
President

Greetings from the Dean

The MASMID this year will carry with it to the students of the graduating class a record of a number of milestones reached and passed. Although young, as measured by the life of the liberal arts schools of the country, Yeshiva College will have achieved this year the maturity of twenty-five years of institutional existence. With the largest graduating class on record the total number of graduates for the first time will exceed the one thousand mark. Two sons of alumni are registered students in the College.

All these data mean solid achievement, not alone in the world of education but achievement of particular significance to American Jews. With one thousand and more Yeshiva graduates in almost as many local communities, whether as robbis or laymen, educated not alone with fine secular training but with a solid religious background as well, we have finally come to the point where we can make a quantitative impression on Jewish religious observance in this country. The prospect of once again placing orthodoxy in its rightful position of dynamic leadership becomes bright. This challenge comes with particular force to the graduates of the present year because they have more recently participated in the academic analysis of our community problems and have, therefore, the freshest point of view and the greatest enthusiasm and strength.

The faculty therefore wishes for the Class of '53 all of the best and it hopes that graduation will mean not a severance from Yeshiva College but a continuance of attachment in interest, sentiment, and affection.

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Dean

Moses L. Isaacs, *Dean*
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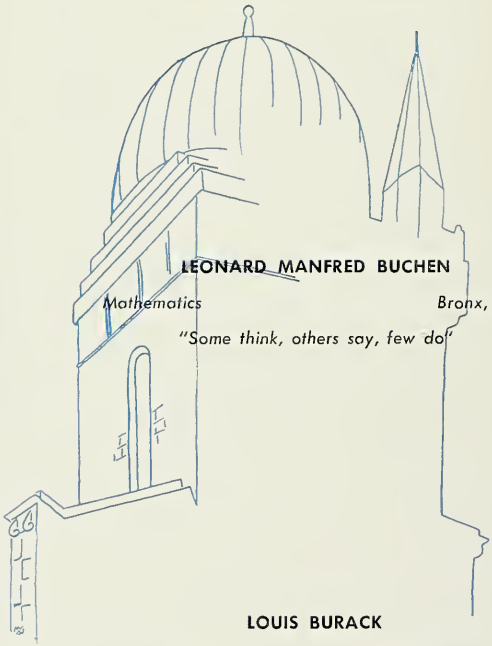
"From little pebbles, great Brickmans grow"



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"I had some H_2O, CO_2, and $C_6H_{12}O_6$—soda, that is"

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"All the world's a stage"

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"All work and no play makes Jack a bright boy"

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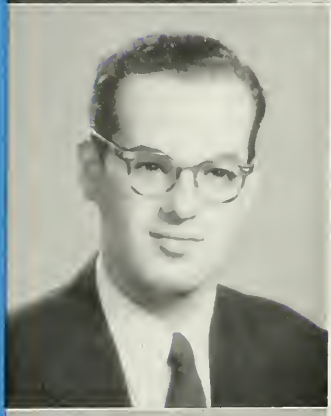

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"He preaches well who lives well"

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"Is it permitted that we share your leisure"

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"And thus we of oll wisdom partake"

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"Jonah who swallowed the whale"

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"We can make our lives divine"

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"And Young Israel loved Joseph among all his sons"

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Sociological Society

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Ethics award, 1952

"And Esther found favor in his eyes"

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Psych Club

"And when thou shall come into the land"

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"Good night, sweet prince"

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Math Club; Co-op

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"He runs among the finest"

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"To sleep in class no more—forward!"

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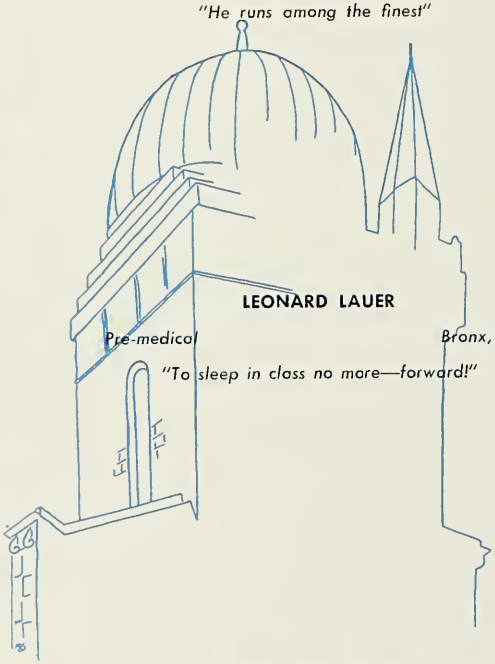
"Drives lead to progress"



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English *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

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Talmud award, 1952

"From the mouths of babes ofttimes come gems"

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"And the cherub was under the Lindenbaum"

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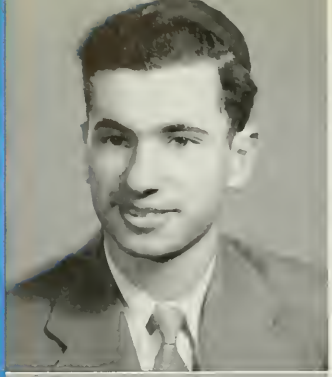
"We like Ike"



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"He comes from afar to seek knowledge"

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"Devolving through the maze of eloquence"

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"Philosophy is the highest music"

DANIEL MILLER

English *Hoverstraw, N. Y.*

Tennis; I.R.S.

"The proper study of mankind is man"

DAVID E. MILLER

Mathematics *Montreal, Quebec*

MASMID, managing editor; The Commentator; Co-op; Eranos
Physical Education Prize

"Write me as one who loves his fellow man"

OTTO MOND

Mathematics *Woodhaven, N. .Y*

Math Club; J.V. basketball

"Upon his brow the crown of achievement"

SEYMOUR MOSKOWITZ

Philosophy *Bronx, N. Y.*

"We see a man diligent in business"

DAVID ISAAC MOSTOFSKY

Psychology *Roxbury, Mass.*

Student Council, class president (four years); MASMID, assistant editor; Psych Club, president; Varsity fencing

"Four years of college gone up in smoke"

MAURICE E. NOVOSELLER

Psychology *Philadelphia, Pa.*

I.R.S.; Psych Club; Dramatics Society; Varsity basketball

"Brevity is the soul of brevity. That's wit"

MARCUS Z. OCHS

Philosophy *Toronto, Ontario*

Deutscher Verein
German award

"The mouth of the wise man is in his heart"

YALE IRWIN PORT

Psychology *Far Rockaway, N. Y.*

Psych Club; Tennis; Soccer

"With franker spirit, yet modest tongue"

BERNARD PSHOTER

Psychology *Dorchester, Mass.*

Psych Club; Y.U. Drive; Varsity basketball, trainer

"Oh that this too too solid flesh would melt"

SIMON RASKIN

Hebrew *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Economics Society

"Orientation is the road to success"

ZOLTAN RIEDER

Physics *New York, N. Y.*

"Numbers, numbers everywhere, but not a derivative to integrate"

DAVID ROGOFF

History *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Economics Society

"A smile to all, a frown to none"

GIL SAMUEL ROSENTHAL

Political Science *Bronx, N. Y.*

Debating Society, president; I.R.S., president; Cercle Froncais, vice president; Co-op; Pi Delta Phi

"Friends, rabbis, yeshivamen—lend me your beards"

PHILIP B. RUDNICK

English *Newark, N. J.*

Cercle Francais; The Commentator

"Gladly would he learn, and more gladly would he teach"

SEYMOUR SCHIFF

Biology *Dorchester, Mass.*

The Commentator; MASMID; Co-op; Pre-med Society; Tennis; Economics Society

"Wait until you see the white in my eyes"

SOLOMON SCHONFELD

Mathematics *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Co-op; J.V. basketball

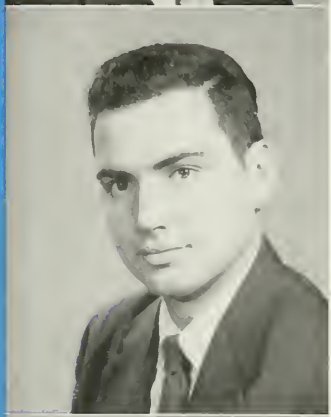
"A sweet disorder in the dress kindles in him a wantonness"

IRVIN M. SHANNON

Mathematics *Baltimore, Md.*

Math Club; MASMID

"To sleep, to sleep no more, aye there's the class"

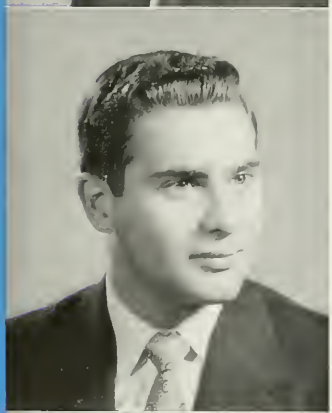


IRWIN SHAPIRO

Chemistry *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Student Council, president; Y.U. Drive, chairman; Debating Society

"Council on the fence; chemistry on a stick"



WALTER SILVER

Biology *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Pre-med Society, president; Y.U. Drive; J.V. basketball, captain; Y.U.A.A.

" All that glitters is not gold"

SAMUEL C. SILVERSTEIN

Physics *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

J.V. basketball; The Commentator, feature editor; Tennis

"There are things in heaven and earth undreamed of"

HARRY SPIERA

Pre-medical *Jersey City, N. J.*

The Cammentatar; Co-op; Pre-med Society, vice-president; J.V. basketball, manager

"Brevity is the soul of wit"

SIDNEY J. TENNENBERG

Mathematics *Baltimore, Md.*

Ca-op, manager; Math Club
Junior Math award

"A man of the book"

NORMAN TOPOROVSKY

Chemistry *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

The Commentator, business manager; Varsity fencing, captain

"A benzene ring with two oy-veys in para position"

STANLEY M. WAGNER

Psychology *Kew Gardens, N. Y.*

SAC, chairman; Eranos
Israel Scholarship

"Israeli Tootsie rolls back into Yeshiva"

ZEV WANDERER

Psychology *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Co-op; Cercle Francais; Psych Club, secretary; Dramatics Society; Ethics Society, vice-president

"The story of Chana and the seven Suncinos"

MARTIN WEINBERG

Psychology *New York, N. Y.*

The Commentator; Psych Club

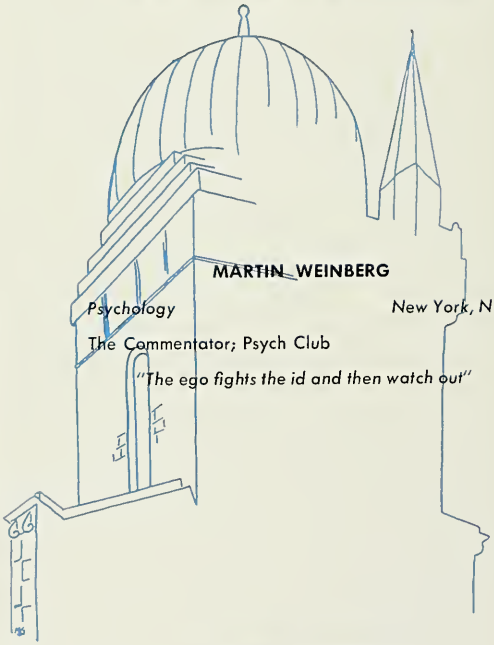
"The ego fights the id and then watch out"

NORBERT WEINBERG

Philosophy *Yonkers, N. Y.*

Psych Club, secretary

"Listen my sons and you shall hear"



YITZCHAK WITTY

Jewish Studies *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

The Commentator, editor-in-chief; MASMID; Economics Society, secretary; Eranos; Dramatics Society; Eta Sigma Phi

"Carthage must be destroyed"

DAVID H. WOLDENBERG

Chemistry *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Math Club; J.V. basketball; Pre-med Society

"Don't give LIP service—face facts"

JOSHUA BENJAMIN YOULUS

Chemistry *Braoklyn, N. Y.*

"The meek shall inherit the earth"

NOT PICTURED

LEWIS JAY BERENSON

Mathematics *Dorchester, Mass.*

Israel scholarship

"Travel stimulates one's counselloring ability"

SEYMOUR TANNIN

Palitical Science *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

The Commentator; I.R.S.; Deutscher Verein

"Yeshiva boys burn the candle at three ends"

The Class of 1953

JACK ADELMAN
HYMAN AGRESS
HYMAN ARBESFELD
SAUL LEO BAHN
ALVIN BASCH
LEWIS JAY BERENSON
SAMUEL BERGER
MORRIS BERGMAN
MARVIN S. BIENENFELD
HARRY BIENENSTOCK
DANIEL H. BONCHEK
AARON BRAND
SEYMOUR HAROLD BRICKMAN
LEONARD MANFRED BUCHEN
LOUIS BURACK
JOEL ELI DANISHEFSKY
SAMUEL DERSHOWITZ
ALEXANDER DEUTSCH
ARNOLD H. FELDMAN
PHILIP FENSTER
JOSEF FISCHER
EMANUEL FORMAN
HERBERT M. GLASBERG
JACK S. GLICKMAN
JACK GOLDMAN
ARTHUR GOOTKIN
MACY A. GORDON
MORRIS SIMON GORELIK
MEYER GRAJOWER
JACOB JOSEPH GREENBERG
ROBERT ALAN HAMMER
JOSEPH HARRIS
MERTON MELVIN HYMAN
ARTHUR A. JACOBOVITZ
PAUL E. JACOBS
EDWARD J. JAKUBOVITZ
PAUL KAHN
FRED KLEIN
CHEMIA J. KLEINMAN
MARSHALL KOHN
JULIUS KREITMAN
LEONARD LAUER
BENJAMIN LERNER
AHARON LICHTENSTEIN
MARTY MARCEL LINDENBAUM
ISAAC LUBIN
SIMCHA MANDELBAUM
ELIHU MARCUS
MANFRED MAYERFELD
ALTER BEN-ZION METZER
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DAVID H. WOLDENBERG
JOSHUA BENJAMIN YOULUS

A Drama in Four Acts

As the footlights begin to blink in the emptying theatre, it is only the cast that still remembers the paces of the drama that has come to a close. And although completed, to the cast of some one-hundred young men, it will never be forgotten. It was truly a drama with all the essential elements present and accounted for. In the somewhat non-"dramatic" nomenclature, the stagehands were known as professors, the producer was a registrar, the director was a dean, and the "angel" was a bursar.

Already the script and the stage directions have become hazy, and that deeper, more vivid meaning has not yet developed. Only with the passing years will this meaning, bedecked with sentimentality, become apparent. And it will appear in a place from which it cannot be erased—the heart.

Act the First

September, 1949 saw one hundred Chemistry majors (and Shannon, unclassified, and destined to resist conventional classification for four years) enter the walls of Yeshiva College. Although many of these had been previously exposed to the "University" in their under-undergraduate days, all agreed that . . . that even Abrams wasn't like this.

Registration, the first obstacle, took its toll. Just how many cards and processes were employed in those primitive pre-Vogelian days of Yeshiva remains for Dr. Agus to uncover. After sufficient bows of adoration, Mr. Ellenberg (he's the "angel") consented to stamp the official Gizmo (a collegiate colloquialism) card, but not before we had paid the University fee, the lab fee, the dorm fee, the locker fee, the mail box fee, the . . . (there must have been more).

A brief post-registration respite allowed us to examine that masterpiece of fiction—the catalogue. This, of course, was before the time when the administration insisted that students take the catalogue seriously. The wary freshmen adopted a wait-and-see attitude. Classes began and we began to see.

First in line was Math. "But I know Danny from camp, so . . ." Hartman, obviously affected by the fragrance of the freshly-ground chalk on "Danny's" jacket, asks Lichtman if he should withdraw now, but he can't hear the answer because Forman insists that an "A" in Math 1 means his summa.

The Chemistry class is packed. All that meets the eye is a beautiful smile which, through unexperienced freshman eyes, resembles the gleam of a monster that has just ensnared its prey. The object of the course, we are told, is to weed out those who are not born chemists. Dershowitz objects—he wants company. Dr. Levine, with Mayerfeld's unsolicited assistance, performed the first DEMONstration . . . ("Heh, heh, it didn't work!") Next day, we had a test . . . ("Heh, heh, nobody passed!")

The treatment of two stock clerks at the hands of the upperclassmen made the freshmen realize that they were not the only newcomers to the institution. These versatile stock clerks also do imitations: one imitates a proctor; the other, a guidance counsellor.

With the latter, Guidance at Yeshiva went big-time in the form of Freshman Orientation (or as it was later to become known—just plain FO). Few freshmen yet knew what "orientation" meant, but they soon learned that it was just another way to say "shorthand."

But Shannon didn't like shorthand and spent the time strolling through the halls testing the joke he had found in Arby's *gemorrah* on all who were willing to listen. The results were most gratifying until he tried it on the school plumber, and found out that it wasn't really a plumber after all.

Student Council condescended to grant representation on their august body to the freshmen. The class "decides" that Mostofsky should be president

for one year. "Mouse" thought that he was running for President of the United States and refused to vacate the office until four years were up. The election results proved just one thing: that if bribery doesn't pay off, Chesterfields certainly do.

Enough play—back to classes. Ten minutes after the hour Dr. Fleisher ambles in and proceeds to bum a cigarette. In Freudian fashion, he explains English (among other things.) Zryl is stunned, Hadas (remember him) is crying, and Forman is still talking about his *summa*. Jacobovitz writes about women and even Fleisher blushes. The non-profligate are assigned to Dr. Linn's section where they learn that there is a third Testament which supersedes the other two. Still others find out that Mr. Vogel *also* teaches English. Witty develops editoritis at an early stage and submits a 12,000-word essay for Vogel's fifty-word research assignment.

The physics majors take refuge from culture a block away. A cable from their vicinity brings the news that they are suffering from an overdose of "mashen." In the same environs, the Bio boys meet up with a Darwinian sadist who gleefully proclaims, "After you die we'll have more space for the frogs!" Murray Mayer, with hormones to spare, does some experimenting of his own in the chem lab. He figures that this might lead him to a position on the Yeshiva faculty. Mouse burns his finger with bramine, and receives sympathy from Eli, "Vel, vel . . . if if if I ver you . . . I vud vosh vash it in, eh, eh, vater . . . QVICK!"

The freshmen, homogeneous by their greenness, finally are split along language lines. The word is quietly passed around that when you take German (prerequisite: Pilfering 1) you can't help getting a good grade. And then, who doesn't like beer and pretzels. The Latin-Americans are elated upon hearing that Dr. Chernowitz removed his horns so that "there would be no more Bull in Spanish." French also gets its share (albeit microscopic) of freshmen; Adelman heads for the dictionary to find out what's a "courtesan." Wagner and Feldman join the Latin crew where Greenberg (already mercenary) takes orders for raincoats.

At our first class meeting, it was decided to establish a committee to faithfully record the milestones along the road of progress for the Class of '53. (These lines are the almost living proof that the project never materialized.)

Eric the Tie Man arrives on the scene to wage a one-man attack on Brother Young's bow-tie campaign. Colonel Kreitman, who had just made the headlines with his exclusive report on "Matsav Ha'soosim B'Kentucky," labels it all a Yankee plot to depose the Confederate Chasidim.

Wed Weisbwod, having a gwate time in Speech, thinks that Hygiene is a course in geology until Steiman explains that *don dere* is not that far down. Eliot finds he doesn't like the lower levels and packs up to join the Air Force on Mayer's advice to "Go fly a jet."

As the first semester drew to a close the freshmen were rudely awakened by the news that Yeshiva gives exams. This presented a problem, but there were those who faced the task undaunted. Others thought they knew an easier way out: it was the night before the chem final; busy feet are heard running through the fourth-floor halls. Soon busy fingers are heard at work, a door opens, a desk is rifled, a professor is suspicious, a dean is bold, City gets new students.

Those who faced the exams in conventional fashion found them not unsurmountable. After a few days of most welcome recess, the second semester was underway. Gleefully the lowly freshmen substituted "upper" for "lower" and hoped that this change would mitigate the scorn of the upperclassmen.

But it was an unanticipated dispute which provided the catalyst for a freshmen-upperclassmen rapprochement only to divide the student body

along sect-arian (rather than class) lines. The issue was Class Night which might have had a certain meaning to seniors, juniors, and sophomores, but meant just one thing to freshmen—girls. The administration had withdrawn its blessing from the traditional affair and a resolute Student Council attempted to assert its independence. When Council voted in favor of Class Night, President Keller resigned (before the freshmen had even time to learn who he was). Commentator sponsored a referendum which indicated overwhelming student support for the affair. The freshmen, roused to action, participated most vigorously in the fight on both sides. Forman, momentarily forgetting about his *summa*, led a Gorelick (Rabbi, that is) inspired ballot-burning campaign (a role he was to later recant.)

The administration, obviously stirred by the Forman fight, sided with him, and Class Night officially became past history. In an effort to placate the seething student body, the administration suggested the Dean's Reception as an alternative. Council saw this as "a potential threat to autonomous student-run affairs" and declined to participate.

But all sides temporarily forgot their differences and joined to celebrate the triennial Smicha Convocation in March. Also in March, the student body (freshmen and Witty included) extended its best wishes to Mr. Vogel on his marriage.

With the spirit of festivities still in the air, Commentator celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. Its nostalgic review of Yeshiva history showed that current student problems were merely the echoes of similar difficulties in past years.

Spring fever produced a state of "suspended animation" and all problems were thrust aside. Fleisher took his class to the roof, and Rosenthal, thinking it was a class in sunbathing, exposed his tsitsis-less torso. The lethargy was broken just long enough to hold school elections which saw Aaron Landes gain the Council presidency unopposed. The freshmen, still drugged from the last time around, returned Mostofsky to office along with Hadas as V-P. Commentator made its appointments for the coming year with Leon Levy assigned to the editor's chair. Witty, already eyeing his turn at bat, had to rest content (for the time being) as copy editor.

The curtain falls on Act I as the freshmen, now developed into full-fledged collegians, head for the mountains and Massad oblivious of the impending storm.

Act the Second

A summer vacation which was to provide a peaceful interlude to classroom routine was explosively disturbed by an unexpected lesson in international relations. The outbreak of the Korean conflict soon after the close of sessions in June affected Yeshiva as it did the entire American college scene—although in a somewhat different manner. Remembering the experience of the previous decade, Yeshiva students kept close to the institution and returned in the fall as arrogant sophomores and grateful 4-D'niks. Col. (some claim his official title is "Dean") Sar's office became especially active; one soph quipped, "Sar is now czar."

The age of white bucks had not yet arrived, and the new sophomore attempted to assert his collegiateness by smoking a pipe (Brandt's 10% discount to Yeshiva boys) while sitting around the "clubhouse" (Harry & Morris'). Mouse's determined efforts to destroy this anti-Chesterfield conspiracy were successful save for two die-hards—Gorelik, who was to receive his graduation diploma with the pipe still in his mouth, and Rosenthal, who received his pipe for the Pi Delta Phi meetings with Hunter College.

Sammy Sophomore soon learned that the second year of college was merely the first writ large. The

one major exception perhaps was Dr. Fleisher's English Lit class; here, Forman modified his original thesis, and now conceded that his *summa* depended on an "A" in Math and remembering the name of Bacon's second mistress. Shannon was bold enough to try to match Fleisher joke for joke only to find that the mid-term exam was not so funny after all.

Wagner, Agress, Jacobs *et al* served as the first guinea pigs for the Dean's "advanced" Chem 1A course. In the process they braved rooms that lurched, a sadistic lab instructor who ran around playing fireman, and, on the final exam, explained the operation of the atomic bomb in fifteen words. And then there were those who decided to become articulate, and therefore enrolled in Political Science (which, according to one philosophy professor, is neither political nor scientific).

Anahow, so much for the purely academic side of the picture. For their part, the non-academic activities flourished as usual. Commentator began its year with a belligerency which set its pattern as it editorially deplored the conditions in the lavatories, and labelled the registration procedures "the height of inefficiency" while attacking the "bankers' hours" of the bursar.

Elsewhere, a semblance of accord emanated from the strangest of places when the Lisman-Student Relations Committee came to an agreement on the Placement Bureau. Student Council also forgot its vehemence of the previous year and supported the Dean's Reception as President Landes denied that it was a substitute for student-sponsored affairs.

But this wos only petty progress when compared with the news that the New York State Board of Regents had granted Yeshiva a charter to estoblish medical and dental schools. This was hailed by all as another indication of the growing contribution which Yeshiva was to make to the American community. Dr. Belkin (over-optimistically) predicted that the new school would open in 1952; Jacobovitz was giving 10 to 1 that it wouldn't. A discordant note was sounded by Commentotor which cynically warned that "the effect which the new school will have on . . . Y.U. . . . is liable to be disastrous." A subsequent announcement that washing machines were to be installed in the dormitory started a (Novy-instigated) rumor that Yeshiva was also going to add a laundry school.

With so many things happening, it was only when the first semester was already drawing to a close that the sophomores had a chance to look around to notice that there had been some changes made. It was Shannon, anxious to become classified even if it meant sitting on a shelf, who discovered that the College library had moved from the boiler room to the power building. Shannon's personol search was (of course) futile, but his discovery permitted the Class of '53 to sigh with relief with the knowledge that Yeshiva actually had a library—and with an *Acting* Chief University Librarian who pulled the strings that set marionettes called Zeides and Greenwald into action.

Strange faces in halls piqued student curiosity to such an extent that Commentator—ever ready to perform a public service—assigned its ace reporters to reveal their identities. One of these strangers, an Adler who wore a Helmut, proved to be most reassuring in maintaining that Yeshiva men are "normal," but at the same time astonished the Commie reporter by insisting that he became interested in psychology "not through sex!"

As sex suffered a setback, literacy gained a convert from one of sex's ardent exponents. This conversion was heralded by Dr. Linn with a hearty mishebairach for "a slender but precious contribution to the history of liberal English thought." The convert, Fleisher by name, tactfully intimated that a professor's trip to France and an "A" in the course were contingent on the sales of this book. These intimations of immortality materialized only for Adelman as his purchase paid off handsomely with a history-making feat of four straight 100's.

The unusual era of good feelings in student-administration relations that had prevailed since

the beginning of the academic year was abruptly terminated in March when Commie, in its Purim issue, reported the news of the misconduct of Shechita U's Nulman B. Raverams. A real-live Yeshiva official thought that resemblances were more than coincidental; his refusal to accept an apology ultimately led to the "resignation" of the editor. About the same time, Student Council accused the Lisman Committee on Student Affairs for a "conservative (no capital) outlook and attitude," and decided to withdraw from further negotiations.

While Student Council declined to talk to Lisman, Litman wouldn't stop talking to students. His address before the I.R.S. aroused the patriotism of "D.A.R." Gootkin who re-acted by writing (unhyphenated) letters. Other Yeshiva faculty members silently muttered, "Anything Litman con do, I can do better—by at least 100 per cent *minimum*!" To make matters worse, they actually tried to prove it. Leaders in this out-do A. (for Aristotle) Litman compaign were Delatour, Margalith, and Arfa.

The student body, sensing that the faculty was emerging from its traditional lethargy, made efforts to re-activate the equally lethargic state of student activities. The Debating Society and the I.R.S. spearheaded this bullish drive (to use a term with an obvious *double entendre*). The Cercle Francais, not to be outdone, slyly retreated to Science Hall where it exhibited some very insipid French movies; in a more ambitious vein, the Braun-boys published the tenth anniversary edition of Le Flambeau, edited by Ehrman and Adelman.

This brief spurt of activity proved so exhausting that the end of the year was greeted with a deep sigh of relief. But before the curtain could be lowered there still remained some unfinished business to conclude. This business—the May elections —saw Hellerstein elected Council President and Lindenbaum, secretary-treasurer. Mostofsky, already becoming a habit, was returned to office with Grajower taking his turn as Veep of the Class of '53 Although Witty advanced to the Governing Board of Commie, he had to wait still another year before the coveted editorship became his. Rosenthal's election as Debating prexy rounded out the list of campus politicians.

The somewhat discomfitting news of a chaplaincy draft provided a sobering influence as the matured 4-D'nik again prepared to leave the greenless Amsterdam campus.

But then, you can't have your *Kugel* and eat it, too.

Act the Third

It was a surprised Class of '53 that returned to Yeshiva the following September as know-it-all juniors.

The surprise was caused by some long-overdue dormitory renovations and by improvements in the registration procedure. This was all the more praiseworthy in view of the fact that it was necessary to "process" the largest number of students in Yeshiva's history. Even Commentator did *tshuva* for its post sins by praising the procedure as "Efficiency Plus," and it expressed a hope that this was "indicative of a new attitude toward student problems." But Commie soon had occasion to eat its words as it became the first victim of the administration's "new attitude;" the appointment of an "advisor" brought an emphatic response from the editors who considered this a curtailment of their freedom.

As freedom left Yeshiva, the Continental spirit arrived on the scene in the person of two professors (Braun and Fleisher) who had been fortunate in obtaining first-class (i.e. cattle steamer) accommodations to Europe. Upon their return at the end of the summer, they faithfully briefed their students on the European situation. Fleisher, a staunch proponent of progressive education, decided to put these methods into practice, and did so by exhibiting post cards of his trip. The students were unimpressed: scenes of the Lake District proved to be

an inadequate substitution for *postcards* in the true Gallic sense of the word. The wanderlust itch lingered long enough for the students to be carried away (by YIVO Goldberg) to Los Angeles to learn about the Jewish dope ring in that West Coast metropolis. It turned out that the dope ring was nothing more than Gootkin's attempt to corner the *bsomim* market.

Crime underwent further investigation by Bienefeld,[2] Witty,[2] and other budding shysters who were veered between the antinomies of Jewish-prudence by Rabbi ("J. B. says") Rackman. It was Rosenthal, however, who proved to be the mainstay of the class as he constantly resorted to his vast fund of Talmud (without Tosaphoth) knowledge to provide the necessary illustrative material. But Rosenthal in turn had to take a back seat to the fourth-floor *rebbi*—Reb Alexander (capital "A") who gained a new Chassid in the person of Moskowitz. Agress, a *misnagid* from way back, refused to become a disciple of the Jamaica Socrates, and, instead, decided to try his luck at Dr. Brody's numbers racket. He soon learned that the difference between philosophic economics and economic philosophy was just Three Little Words: "Isn't that so?"

But if textbook economics presented no problems, the real McCoy caused its share of headaches to the fund-raisers of the Yeshiva Medical School. To help things along, Dr. Belkin assumed personal direction of an eight-month, $1,000,000-a month appeal. Dr. Harry M. Zimmerman, the newly-named director of the school, outlined the prospective program as one which planned to pay particular attention to "socio-economic impacts on medicine." It soon began to look as if Jacobovitz would be paying off after all.

The medical school wasn't the only division of Yeshiva to hog Commie's page 1. The Teachers Institute, too, gained some sort of recognition ("Very insignificant," R.I.E.T.S. students insisted) when it received authorization to grant the Bachelor of Religious Education degree; the Audio-Visual Service, headed by Mr. Sidney "Vinylite" Pleskin, entered the official family of Yeshiva departments; and a Graduate Department of Mathematics was established.

Even the faculty was affected by this spirit of achievement. Dr. Rosenberg tore himself away from Yeshiva (and its Dean) to wander around American colleges (*à la* the Debating Society) investigating something; Dr. Sos, despairing of improving anything on Amsterdam Avenue, tried to improve relations with the people from down there (no pun inteded) via the Voice of America; and Rabbi Rackman lectured *antinomously* on Park Avenue.

The debaters, sensing that their vested interests were at stake, reasserted themselves on their annual barnstorming tour as they "graphically" attempted to solve the economic ills of the country. In this respect, Adelman went one step short of martyrdom by pairing with Lancaster's gift to the world—S. Z. Siegel.

Meanwhile a bitter rivalry developed between Siegel's I.R.S. and Fulda's Eranos. Although Siegel was successful in getting his Taftish countenance onto Commentator's glossy pages, Fulda outdid him by being *zache* to a Purim lampooning (as Sambred Fullof)—a distinction usually restricted to the faculty. (But then, that's where some claimed his tongue was pointing.) For their part, the Soc. Soc. in very unsociological fashion discussed sex in marriage, sex in the South Pacific, and sex at Yeshiva.

This, too, was the year of surveys. A Commentator polling showed that half the student body didn't know who was Student Council President, and almost one-tenth didn't know who was Dean—and this, mind you, was still B.V.D. (Before Vogel, Dan). Yale University appeared on the scene to determine the drinking habits of Yeshiva-men. The results indicated that 81 per cent drink egg-creams at Harry and Morris'. A guy named "Guy" came from the Journal-American to "sample student opinion"; this came as a surprise to Dr. Lisman who didn't think that such a thing existed. And finally, Bishop Lifshutz made a *tsitsis* survey which was disguised as an x-ray examination.

Around Purim time, a minor revolution swept Sam D. Dorman in as President of the University. The new administration initiated a clean-up campaign and promptly extended it to include students' pockets with a hike in tuition rates. About the same time, Student Council decided to clean up the condition of extracurricular activities, and SAC, conceived and headed by Tootsie Wagner, came into being. The SAC personnel lived up to the cynical predictions when they all ran for student office; they found out, however, that the student body did not appreciate that they had succeeded in opening the dorm lounge. Another clean-up program—an investigation of the Yeshiva libraries—suffered an

unhallowed demise before it even got started.

Election time rolled around again, and the Class of '53 finally came into its own. Shapiro, Korn, and Bahn emerged as the victorious Council triumvirate; Mostofsky—this time with Forman—consented to serve again; Witty finally made it as Commie editor; and Adelman inherited the MASMID.

Just before the curtain fell on Act Three, the good news that an agreement had been reached on the thorny awards issue was announced. Although this was not to affect them until a year hence, several members of the class (Adelman, Arbesfeld, Danishefsky, and Jakubovitz) jumped the gun by receiving honors at the June Commencement.

And while most Yeshiva boys again made the trek to the promised Catskills,—Berenson, Lindenbaum, and Wagner, chose to be tea-boys in the Promised Land.

Act the Fourth

In September, the Class of '53 returned to the banks of the Harlem as seasoned and smug veterans ready to begin the final act of their drama.

Obviously obsessed with their role as elder statesmen, the seniors withdrew from contact with the lowerclassmen rabble; only begrudgingly did they acknowledge that the rabble far outnumbered them. The Dean, for his part, was content to let disdain remain the province of the seniors, and charitably greeted the return of Dr. Rosenberg from a year of absence by according him full professorial rank. The Prussian leader (who had left his regiments under the command of Major Maier), was accompanied by a novelist tuned homiletician; the latter soon a-Wouk to realize that "Yeshiva men have no religious feeling."

The thick walls of Yeshiva may have been successful in excluding the religious spirit, but they could not prevent the nation-wide election fever from penetrating. Yeshiva students (who take pride in being different) once again chalked up a point for the cause of non-conformity by bucking the tide with a 16 to 1 endorsement of Adlai. Glickman put aside his toys for a moment and enjoyed his hour of glory when he accurately predicted the election outcome.

Taking a cue from the election revelations, the Women's Organization conducted a revealing inspection of Stern's Soup Kitchen, and came to the conclusion that, among other things, the food was served "without imagination" and had no "eye appeal." Novy, known to have an eye for a tasty dish, gave his assent to this description. Prolonged negotiations with the proprietors resulted in certain improvements: henceforth bread would be sliced one-eighth of an inch thicker and stuffed meat dishes would contain real meat.

But elsewhere war flared up in earnest. The chief belligerents in this new Prussian War were Kaiser Isaacs and Chancellor Rosenberg with Student Council, Herr Maier, Herr Witty, and Doktor "D. D." Freed getting in their licks. Among the incidents that led to hostilities were the refusal to grant administration approval to an honorary German fraternity; the dismissal of Herr Maier; and the ruling that all three-credit courses must meet thrice weekly. The Prussian cause, supported by Council resolutions and chairman-less mass meetings, suffered defeat in the end. Several weeks after a truce had been declared, Commentator impudently asked why certain three-credit courses were meeting only twice weekly.

Col. Sar, sensing that the situation demanded drastic measures, declared martial law and warned that all *minyan*-dodging dorm residents would soon be occupying bunks elsewhere.

The period of peace that ensued with the cessation of hostilities was disturbed by only one incident. Again around Purim time, an attempt at revolution was made by Danish Bagel Hammany who hoped

to depose King Isaacvirus. His plot was discovered and Bagel was executed but not before he had recited backwards the *krishma* in Anglo-Saxon.

Other events of an already hectic year were the opening of a girls division of the Teachers Institute; the posting of the College's first Dean's List; Dr. Churgin's appointment as President of the proposed Bar-Ilan University; the blood-letting of Yeshiva students; and the noming of the medical school in honor of Professor Albert Einstein.

Student activities, orgonized for the sole purpose of getting their pictures into the MASMID, again went through the motions in varying degrees of intensity: the Sophist Society finally came up with a topic that struck close to home as they debated on foir employment practices; the I.R.S. spent time at Barnard ond Philodelphia where Rosenthal *claims* he mode out; and Gordon's Soc. Soc. conducted some more surveys.

But the seniors, already surfeited with college and things collegiote, could not really be blamed if they exhibited a lack of energy. They had other things to do. Some became engaged, some got morried, ond others (like Norbie Weinberg) were busy chauffeuring around the Yeshiva secretaries.

The days quickly flew past and election time rolled around again. Since this had little interest for the departing seniors, the Class of '53 held a special election of their own at which Adelman was elected valedictorian.

Before the B.A. could be called their own the last in the series of examinations had to be overcame. To those who claimed that seniors were entitled to exemptions, the Dean replied, "Anybody who can't talk his instructor out of an exam doesn't deserve to graduate."

Mouse's record of complete presidential inactivity finally was broken when he made up for everything with his untiring work on the Senior Dance. One hundred '53ers (with only a half-dozen chemistry majors among them—plus Shannan) donned ties and white shirts for the gala affair at the Hotel Brewster.

Three days later Commencement Exercises were held. The curtain fell for the final time just as the last graduate filed out of Lamport Auditorium.

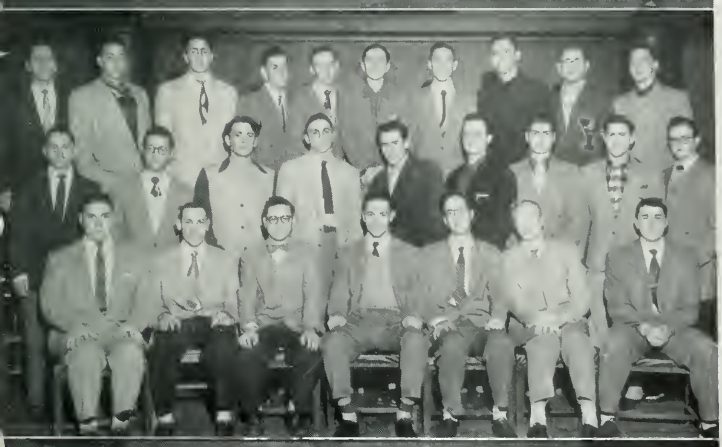
The "synthetic" drama was over.

Undergraduates

JUNIOR CLASS

President: Joel Balsam
Vice-President: Neil Hecht

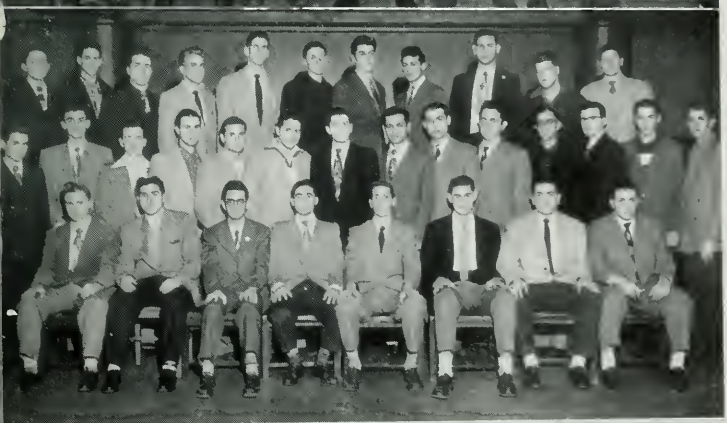
First row, l. to r.: A. Metzger, H. Holon, S. Pudoff, A. Kramer, J. Bolsom, M. Heller, I. Suna, J. Nissenbaum; *second row:* Z. Hymowitz, L. Wildes, E. Fronkel, H. Dobrinsky, M. Sugarman, J. Reiner, N. Tokoyer, A. Knoll, M. Sobel, A. Heimowitz, *third row:* H. Richtman, M. Rosen, B. Zohn, A. Morduchowitz, D. Heisler, J. Smilchensky, M. Zwong, H. Shidlovsky, E. Schatz



SOPHOMORE CLASS

President: Howard Spear
Vice-President: Judah Harris

First row, l. to r.: M. Richter, I. Joffe, I. Pechtman, H. Spear, J. Harris, M. Antelman, M. Orlion; *second row:* M. Zundell, S. Flug, D. Lifshutz, N. Linzer, H. Kressel, S. Kornbluth, J. Gottlieb, R. Schuchalter, M. Gold; *third row:* S. Ingber, A. Gewirtz, N. De Lescinskis, A. Borow, R. Huttler, S. Sloyer, N. Liss, H. Kotz, J. Mogilner, H. Rosenberg.



FRESHMAN CLASS

President: Herbert Schreiber
Vice-President: Joseph Kaplan

First row, l. to r.: E. Levine, H. Bernot, A. Morthan, L. Schonholtz, J. Koplan, J. Kupietsky, S. Rosenberg, H. Neustader; *second row:* P. Fleisher, I. Bienstock, F. Hellner, J. Heller, S. Greefield, D. Heisiger, H. Richtman, C. Mizrahi, W. Stern, A. Reich, J. Klein, J. Litvin, D. Harris, M. Elefant; *third row:* S. Hoffman, E. Aberbach, L. Bernstein, G. Cohen, A. Dobin, H. Leibowitz, A. Finkel, A. Davilo, B. Rosenbaum, D. Genachovsky, I. Schertz.

activities

Student Council

President: Irwin Shapiro

Vice-President: Marshall Korn

Sec.-Treasurer: Saul Bahn

From its predecessors the 1952-53 Student Council inherited a rather unenviable legacy of strained relations with the College Administration. The walls of mutual distrust which had been erected during the past years had made co-operation with the Administration seem to be a virtual impossibility. A major objective of this year's Council was to eliminate this very unhealthy state of affairs.

It was decided that it would be far easier to work with than against the Administration and a review of the year's accomplishments indicates that this was a wise decision. The first of a series of joint Council-Administration projects was a group of guidance programs designed to assist new students in planning their courses of study during their college careers. Faculty members of the vorious departments participated in several lectures to acquaint students with the requirements and preparations necessary in the different fields.

At the beginning of the year, Student Council funds were transferred from the downtown office of the University to the Bursar's office at the College thus making them more accessible when needed. In this way, what had in the past been a handicap to the efficient conduct of student affairs was removed.

The scopes of The Commentator, The MASMID, and the Student Activities Committee were widened, and increased Council appropriations made possible the publication of a twenty-fifth anniversary issue for both The Commentator and The MASMID. There arose only one cause of friction between the Council and the Commie editors and this too was resolved omicably in the end.

SAC, in its second yeor of existence, served as a long-needed co-ordinating force far the numerous student clubs and societies. The goal of "each student with an activity" came close to realization as most groups expanded their activities and new clubs such as the Israeli Philatelic Society were formed. The SAC requirement that societies report periodically on their

work served to stimulate greater activity and responsibility. SAC and the Council assisted several groups to become affiliated with national honorary societies.

Council made definite strides of progress and although they were for the most part piecemeal in nature it is almost certain that the accomplishments will be enduring. More than anything else, there was exhibited an ability to meet and deal effectively with situations as they arose.

For the first time in the history of Yeshiva College, the Senior class secured the right to vote on the class valedictorian from among the three top-ranking students.

The ever-popular Fireside Chats were continued with faculty members lecturing informally to appreciative students.

Council again co-operated with the Dean in the planning of the Dean's Reception which this year was attended by over four-hundred students and their guests.

After fruitful negotiations with the Administration and the cafeteria owners, the service, cleanliness, and quality of the food were improved.

Student Council became affiliated with the National Students Association and thus placed itself in a position to benefit from the experience of similar bodies on college campuses throughout the United States.

The constitution of the Student Council which had remained unchanged since 1932 was reviewed and clarified so that future Councils would be able to avoid the difficulty which had arisen in interpreting many hazy clauses.

The Co-op Stores were subjected to closer Council supervision and the lowering of many prices offered proof of its service to the student body. A Book Exchange was instituted to function at the beginning of semesters and students were enabled to secure textbooks at greatly reduced prices.

Class elections were held in the main Co-op store in an effort to increase the number of voters. For the first time the Dean granted permission to hold class meetings during regular classroom hours.

Keys for outstanding work in extra-curricular activities were distributed at the year's end. Requirements were made more rigid in order to maintain the proper respect for these awards.

Taken as a whole the many achievements of the 1952-53 Student Council offer proof that it is possible to get things down efficiently in a quiet way. The only requisite is a willingness to meet issues honestly and co-operatively. This year's Council has established a new era in student government at Yeshiva and fondly hopes that its successors will build carefully on the foundations laid during the past year.

The members of the Council were:

Irwin Shapiro, president; Marshall Korn, vice-president; Saul Bahn, secretary-treasurer.

Freshman: Herbert Schreiber, president; Joseph Kaplan, vice-president; *Sophomore:* Howard Speor, president; Judah Harris, vice-president; *Upper Sophomore:* Norman Rosenfeld, president; Seymour Essrog, vice-president; *Lower Junior:* Joseph Urivetsky, president; Seymour Essrog, vice-president; *Junior:* Joel Balsam, president; Neil Hecht, vice-president; *Upper Junior:* Alexander Deutsch, president; Josef Fischer, vice-president; *Lower Senior:* Oscar Schachter, president; Isaac Goodman, vice-president; *Senior:* David Mostofsky, president; Emanuel Forman, vice-president.

Seated, l. to r.: S. Bahn, I. Shapiro, M. Korn; *standing:* J. Kaplan, H. Spear, N. Rosenfeld, S. Essrag, J. Balsam, N. Hecht, J. Fisher, A. Deutsch, D. Mostofsky.

The Commentator

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News Pages Mirror Y. U. Activities

The activities of an active University were mirrored in the news columns of The Commentator.

Among the important events covered were: the Chag Ha-Smicha, the Dean's Reception, the Audio-Visual Forums, the Chanuka and Purim chagigot, the Red Cross blood donor drive, the Yeshiva Medical School, and the receipt of the Hershey Collection of the Versaille Treaty Conference papers by the University Library.

Full coverage was also afforded to student activities. Included among these were the granting of a charter for a chapter of Students for Democratic Action, the first "political" society at Yeshiva, the Debating Society, the Cercle Francais, IRS, Eranos, the Cantorial Workshop, the Sociology Society, and the newly-formed Ethics and Philatelic societies.

Front page coverage was assigned to the "Maier controversy," and the refusal to charter a German fraternity at the College. Two lead stories also concerned themselves with the food situation and the various attempts to rectify matters.

Statistics

The Commentator published a record total of advertising lineage for the year 1952-53.

The cost to publish one paper amounted to 14 cents at the year's end.

Circulation increased by about 150 copies but alumni subscriptions declined.

Three six-pagers, seven four-pagers, and one eighteen-page issue appeared.

More engravings were used in this year's "Commie" than in any previous year in the paper's history.

Staff Recruitment Presents Problem

As has been the case in the past few years, this year's Commentator was again faced with the problem of staff recruitment. There seemed to be an ever-decreasing number of students who were willing to forego their sleep to pound typewriters in the wee hours of the morning.

Jack Adelman, Masmid editor, resigned as managing editor in December and was replaced by Edward Jakubovitz. Sheldon Rudoff assumed the position of associate editor which was left vacant by the mid-year graduation of Leon Kestenbaum. Seymour Essrog in turn stepped into the sports editorship.

"Reserved" Editorial Columns Treat School, General Issues

Under the editorship of Irwin E. Witty, The Commentator spent its second year under the supervision of Rabbi Israel Miller '38, alumni adviser. In its first editorial of the academic year, The Commentator reaffirmed its stand that while it recognized the potential power of the adviser to censor its editorial columns, it would never yield to actual suppression of news and evaluation of events at Yeshiva.

The Commentator columns hailed the opening of a girls' division of the Teachers Institute at the Central Yeshiva High School in Brooklyn; mourned the loss of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the first President of the State of Israel; congratulated the College administration on registration improvements; and urged support of the Red Cross blood donor drive and the Yeshiva University Drive for Charities.

In greeting the naming of Yeshiva Medical School as the "Albert Einstein College of Medicine," Commie maintained its traditional reserve and cautioned that Yeshiva must ever remember that its leadership, to be effective, must concentrate on its initial goal of furthering the spiritual life of the American Jewish community.

In other editorial columns, the undergraduate organ called for greater co-operation in school cleanliness; criticized the guidforties which condemned Nazi anti-Semitism and inhuman brutality, the editors protested the Soviet Union's policy of anti-Semitism, the stifling of Jewish cultural and religious life, the groundless accusations levelled against Jewish doctors, and the general policy of open hostility and persecution of Jews behind the Iron Curtain. The Commentator, in the same editorial, expressed an "it can-happen-here" attitude in labelling the McCarran-Walter immigration law as anti-Semitic, a view substantiated in part by statements made by the co-author on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Left to right: Jack Adelman, managing editor (fall); Irwin Witty, editor-in-chief; Edward Jakubavitz, managing editor (spring).

Other editorials congratulated the State of Israel on its fifth anniversary; and called for guidance for seniors in planning their graduate careers.

A headline news feature was presented in connection with the November presidential election. A poll of the student body, with an 80 per cent sampling of student opinion, favored Governor Stevenson over General Eisenhower 16-1.

The resignation of David Levey, feature editor, early in the year, was a serious handicap until the position was filled by Samuel Silverstein. The lack of two permanent copy editors until mid-year prevented maximum staff efficiency

GOVERNING BOARD: *Seated, l. to r.:* J. Adelman, E. Jakubovitz; *standing:* S. Essrog, S. Rudoff, S. Silverstein, L. Kestenbaum, A. Weisbrod.

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ance program for the improper preparation for a special series of "guidance" lectures; asked that professors and instructors keep in mind that they have only fifty minutes to their lectures and should not usurp the students' ten-minute break between classes; and mourned the loss of Mr. Samuel Levy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva.

Only on one occasion did The Commentator feel that it was its duty to side-step comment on pressing school and student problems to editorialize on a matter of world-wide interest and significance. In an editorial ("Always a Scapegoat") reminiscent of many "Commie" editorials in the pre-war thirties and the early

Purim, Anniv's'ry EditionsPublished

The traditional Purim issue again made its appearance but without several of its usual trappings. Due to a lack of help and interest, a rather abbreviated issue was published. Commentator editorially disclaimed responsibility and attributed the cause for this to student apathy.

In mid-May a special 18-page anniversary issue, marking the silver jubilee of Yeshiva College, was published. The articles included a history of the College; an article on general education by Dr. Alexander Brody, Professor of History; biographical sketches of Yeshiva's first president, Dr. Revel, and of his successor, Dr. Belkin; an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Purvis; and many other items pertinent to the occasion.

Commie Features Devoted To General Interest Items

In a departure from the past, Commentator features were not generally devoted to school affairs or activities. Instead, the feature columns were opened to subjects of general interest.

Interviews with prominent personalities in the Jewish world were given considerable play. Among these were interviews with Rabbi Wentworth A. Matthew of the Falashan Jewish community; Marc Lavry, noted Israeli composer; Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, editor of the Jewish Spectator; Golda Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labor; Herman Wouk, Pulitzer-Prize novelist and Visiting Professor of English at Yeshiva; Yaakov Churgin, Israeli author and guest lecturer in the Teachers Institute; and Dr. David De Sola Pool, Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York.

Other features included record and book reviews; several personal essays; an interview with the recipients of the Jewish Agency scholarships to Israel; and a story on the Audio-Visual Department. One of the most widely-heralded features of the year tintypted Sam, the night-watchman.

A new feature—"From the Files" — highlighted significant events of past years as recorded in the pages of The Comentator.

For the first time an article by an alumnus appeared in "Commie." Rabbi Louis Bernstein '47, a former editor of The Commentator, discussed the problems encountered in the chaplaincy.

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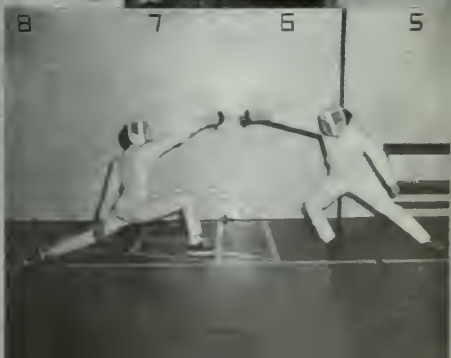
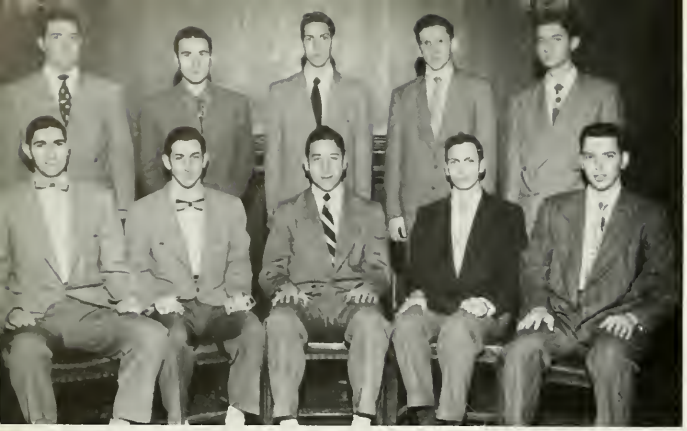




Seated, l. to r.: N. Hecht, M. Gefter, G. Rosenthal, J. Adelman, J. Balsam; *standing:* E. Lauer, J. Heller, J. Kaplan, A. Fuss, L. Wildes.

Debating Society

President: **Gil Rosenthal**

The Debating Society continued to set the pace as one of the leading extra-curricular activities at Yeshiva as it rounded out what unofficial records show to be its nineteenth season. It maintained the tradition established in past years by winning substantially more debates than it lost.

Realizing that the reputation of the team can only be kept intact by developing new talent, the Society this year carried out an extensive pre-varsity training program in which some twenty-five freshmen participated. Under the direction of Bob Rothman and Fishel Pearlmutter, the novices engaged in a series of elimination debates to fill the vacant positions in the Varsity ranks. The successful debaters were Jacob Heller, Joel Balsaam, Eli Lauer, Joe Kaplan, and Neil Hecht. These and several other first-year debaters met in inter-collegiate debates with junior varsity teams of the metropolitan area.

Six varsity debaters remained on hand from last year. They were: Gil Rosenthal, Jack Adelman, Joseph Erushalmy, Samuel April, Fishel Pearlmutter, and Morton Gefter. The debaters again met such outstanding New York teams as Columbia, Barnard, City College, New York University, and Brooklyn College. For the first time in the history of the Society, Yeshiva participated in an inter-collegiate tournament at Fordham College. Although the two teams emerged with a split record of three wins and three losses, it provided a novel experience and the Yeshiva debaters look forward to more tournament participation.

As in the past the highlights of the debating season were the tours to out-of-town colleges. The Northern team, consisting of Gil Rosenthal and Jacob Heller, went to the Boston area and emerged undefeated from debates with Brown, Harvard, M.I.T., Tufts, Boston College, and Northeastern. The Southern teams registered victories over the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown, Howard, and the University of Maryland Law School. Jack Adelman, Fishel Pearlmutter, Eli Lauer, and Joe Kaplan were the members of the Southern group. The third team, consisting of Samuel April, Joel Balsam, and Morton Gefter, downed Colgate, Cornell, Union, and Albany. In addition, special tours were sent to Princeton, West Point, and New Haven State Teachers College.

All debates were held on the national inter-collegiate topic: Resolved that the federal government should adopt a compulsory Fair Employment Practice law.

The officers of the Society were: Gil Rosenthal, president; Morton Gefter, secretary; Jack Adelman, campus manager; Fishel Pearlmutter, general manager; and Samuel April, treasurer. Dr. David Fleisher, Professor of English, again served as faculty adviser.

Co-op Stores

Managers: **Morton Richter**
Harry Shidlovsky

Again this year the Co-op Stores continued their extensive expansion program and offered hundreds of items from yoyos to television sets at substantial savings to the student body. In line with this program the Gift Store was enlarged to include a wider selection of sterling silver items, religious articles, wrist watches, and other merchandise carried in leading gift shops. Photography and sports departments were added to the Gift Store.

The Book Store offered sizeable discounts to students on both textbooks and general reading material. An effort was made to keep textbooks in stock throughout the academic year. The mail-order division of the Book Store assisted the Yeshiva Graduate Schools and the Psychological Clinic in procuring many hard-to-get books.

In addition to candy, cake, and cigarettes, the Candy Store belied its name and carried a diversified stock that included school supplies, Yeshiva stationery, decals, pennants, sweaters, hats, and sweatshirts. An ice-cream freezer was installed during the warm spring days.

The Ticket Bureau supplied tickets to Broadway plays at special student rates, and distributed tickets to top radio and television programs, to concerts and dramatic presentations. The Record Bureau offered a wide selection of cantorial and Israeli records as well as phonographs and tape recorders.

Morton Richter and Harry Shidlovsky served as managers of the many departments which made up the Co-op Stores. Members of the staff included: Gift Store—Abraham Marduchowitz, Jack Greenberg, Jerry Cohen, Joe Kaplan, Joel Danishefsky, Moshe Pachino, Morton Shulman.

Book Store—David Mostofsky, Abe Keehn, Chester Bershling, Hyman Arbesfeld, Jechiel Gruenbaum, Martin Elefant, David Stadtmauer, Oscar Shacter, Hershel Weinberger.

Candy Store — Jack Reiner *(manager)*, Wolf Walter, Bernie Reiss, Joel Smilchensky, Herbert Fishman, Murray Bamzer, Seymour Steinmetz, Simeon Cohen.

Ticket and Record Bureau — Herbert Lubowsky, Isaac Goodman, Morris Magin, Norman Walles, Noah Teitelbaum.

First row, l. to r.: D. Miller, J. Greenberg, A. Marduchowitz, H. Shidlovsky, M. Richter, S. Bahn; *second row:* D. Stadtmauer, N. Woles, J. Reiner, J. Kaplan, H. Arbesfeld, D. Mostofsky, J. Smilchensky, S. Brickman, S. Shiff; *third row:* S. Fischman, J. Cohen, S. Rosenberg, B. Reiss, M. Shulman, Z. Wanderer, S. Steinmetz, M. Elefant.

First row, l. to r.: S. Siff, A. Metzger, J. Harris, M. Gordon, L. Wildes, M. Rosenok; *second row:* E. Jaffe, A. Jacobavitz, M. Parilman, N. Tckayer, E. Tokayer, M. Goldish, M. Mayerfeld.

First row, l. to r.: S. April, N. Hecht, G. Rosenthal, J. Adelman, J. Balsam; *second row:* S. Flug, M. Richter, J. Kaplan, A. Kramer, S. Rudoff, M. Heller, S. Berger.

Sociological Society

Although only in its second year of existence on the extra-curricular scene, the Sociological Society proved to be one of the most active groups at Yeshiva during the 1952-53 academic year. The activities af the Society were of two types: guest speakers and group projects.

In the first categary, the group heard a discussion of "Vocational Opportunities in Sociolagy" by Mr. Nathan Goldberg, Associate Professor of Sociology and adviser to the Society. Mr. Goldberg emphasized that those who intend to make a career in the field "must have a genuine interest in their work." Later in the year, the Society was oddressed by Mr. Leo Krown, Director af the Professional and Technical Workers Aliyah, a subsidiary organ of the Jewish Agency. Mr. Krown spoke on "Sociological Opportunities in Israel."

The Society undertook two questionnaire surveys: the first, involved a study of Yeshiva College alumni and was designed to determine the effect of their Yeshiva education on their daily and social relationships; the second, undertaken with the interest and aid of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations af America, was a study of the American rabbinate.

The Society filed an applicotion to become affiliated with Alpha Kappa Delta, the national sociology honor fraternity. Officers of the group were Macy Gordon, president; and Joseph Harris, secretary.

I.R.S.

This year, the twentieth of its existence at Yeshiva, the Internotional Relations Society continued its two major functions of presenting prominent speakers to the student body and participating in various intercollegiate conferences. Again under the guidance of Dr. Aaron Margalith, Professor of Political Science, the I.R.S. attempted to stimulate a feeling of internatianal fellowship and understanding among Yeshiva students.

The I.R.S. attended the conference of the Middle Atlantic International Relations Clubs at the University of Pennsylvania in December. In February, I.R.S. sent a delegation to a conference on the Middle East at Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where Gil Rosenthal read a paper an Israel. In addition, the Society participated in a conference on foreign affairs at Barnard College, attended the Herald-Tribune Yauth Forum, and was represented at the various meetings af the Collegiate Council for the United Nations.

The group sponsored several student assemblies presenting Benjamin A. Cohen, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Rev. Karl Baehr, Executive Secretary of the American Christian Palestine Committee. A political rally was held priar to the national elections with guest speakers from the major parties.

The officers were Gil Rosenthal, president; Jack Adelman, vice-president; and Neil Hecht, secretary.

Eranos

Eranos, the classical society of Yeshiva College, again sponsored a series of monthly lectures which dealt with the contributions of the ancient civilizations. A departure from the past was made when it was decided to have students lecture to the group. This encouraged individual research and, on the whole, proved to be quite successful.

The lectures were designed to appeal not only to the major in the Classics but also to the general student body. This objective was well carried out by two lectures on Greek political thought. The first dealt with Solon's social and political views as seen in his works, while the other dwelt upon Pericles' views of Athenian democracy as they are presented in Thucydides.

Subjects of Jewish interest were also discussed. An example of this was a lecture on the Jewish community in ancient Alexandria and its relations with the Gentile population of that city. Another talk was devoted to "The Leisure Time Activities in Ancient Rome" and their social and economic implications.

An exhibition of slides entitled "Sights and Scenes of Rome and Pompei" praved to be especially interesting.

The officers of the Society were: Aharon Lichtenstein, president; Morton Narrowe, vice president; and Herbert Lerner, secretary.

Le Cercle Francais

The Cercle Francais, again under the guidance of Dr. Sidney D. Braun, Professor of French, continued its program of voried activities.

It sponsored a series of motion picture programs including "Ruy Blas," a full-length film which was open to the student body. It also presented several prominent French speakers among whom were Dr. Rene Taupin of Hunter College, Dr. Jacques Guicharnaud of Yale University, and Professor Frederick Hoffherr of Barnard College. A conversation group met regularly under the supervision of William Stern and Joseph Sungolowsky.

The Yeshiva chapter of Pi Delta Phi, the national French honor society, held its second initiation during the post year and made plans to arronge social get-togethers with chapters at other metropoliton universities.

Other activities plonned for this year are the publicotion of the eleventh edition of "Le Flambeau," the scholarly French magazine with Messrs. Stern and Sungolowsky os co-editors and Herbert Dobrinsky os associate editor, and debates in French with other colleges.

The officers of the Cercle were Ori Schonthol, president; Ervin Birnbaum, vice-president; Joseph Levine, secretary; and Arthur Krochmal, treasurer.

First row, l. to r.: I. Pechtman, A. Lichtenstein, M. Zundell; *second row:* J. Greenberg, M. Gorelick, J. Smilchensky, N. Liss, R. Hammer, I. Richtman, D. Miller.

First row, l. to r.: M. Gelder, A. Dovila, W. Stern, J. Sungolowsky, A Kromer, Y. Grunbaum; *second row:* A. Marthon, I. Bienenstock, L. Bernstein, G. Rosenthol, I. Sherman, A. Borow, E. Birnbaum, I. Hout.

Psychological Society

Continuing the precedent established in the past, the program of the Psychological Society this year was highlighted by a series of lectures of special interest to students who plan to da advanced work in the field. Among the speakers were Dr. Jacab Hartstein, Dean of the Graduate Schools of Yeshiva University, who spake on "Opportunities in Psychology;" and Dr. Benjamin Wolman, Professor af Psychology at C.C.N.Y. and Yeshiva, who discussed "Social Psychology in Israel."

The Society made efforts this year to establish a chopter of Psi Chi, the national honorary fraternity, at Yeshiva. The decision of the Fraternity Council is expected early next term.

Officers of the Society were: Daniel Bonchek, president; Avinoam Walles, vice president; Norbert Weinberg, secretary; and Arnold Feldman, treasurer. Dr. Helmut Adler, Instructor in Psychology, served as adviser to the group.

Pre-Medical Society

The Pre-Medical Society of Yeshiva College had two objectives in planning this year's program. First, to acquaint its members with the latest developments in the fields of medical education, practice, and research; and second, to supply information to the "pre-meds" which might prove helpful in their attempt to gain admission to medical school.

In line with the first objective, the Society heard several prominent physicians discuss their personal researches. During the month of Februory, Dr. Bruno Z. Kisch, Professor of Chemistry at Yeshiva and a world renowned cardiologist, spoke on "The Use of the Electron Microscope in Heart Research," and Dr. A. W. Freireich of the Post Graduate Medical School of New York University discussed "Recent Advancements in the Treatment of Poisons." A film, "Journey into Medicine," which described the training of a specialist, was shown.

As a means of providing guidance to the prospective medical student, a round-table discussion which considered the proper pre-medical program was conducted early in the year. The participants were Dean Isaacs and members of the Biology and Chemistry Departments of Yeshiva. The Society heard talks on the medical school application, interview, and Admission Test by members who had taken them. It has secured medical school catalogues, aptitude tests, and other helpful information.

The officers of the Pre-Medical Society were: Alexander Deutsch, president; Gerald Nissenbaum, vice-president; and Chester Berschling, secretary-treasurer.

Seated, l. ta r.: A. Jacabavitz, S. Brickman, A. Feldman, D. Bonchek, N. Walles, M. Korn, A. Metzger; *standing:* J. Kejsman, E. Jakubovitz, B. Pshater, D. Mostafsky, J. Reiner, S. Cohen, R. Bierman, P. Kahn, Y. Port, A. Weisbrod, L. Wolf.

First raw, l. ta r.: S. Schiff, S. Bahn, J. Nissenbaum, A. Deutsch, C. Berschling, L. Green; *second row:* J. Sungalawsky, H. Karten, B. Broyde, B. Sahn, S. Steinmetz, N. De Lescinskis, Y. Jaffe, H. Grass; *third raw:* A. Basch, M. Gelder, H. Spiera, S. Fishman, A. Davila, C. Mizrahi, J. Teitelbaum.

S.A.C.

In its second year of existence, the Student Activities Committee, again under the chairmanship of Daniel Bonchek, continued to materialize many of its far-sighted objectives.

Among these projects were: the publication of "You, The Student," edited by Seymour Essrog; the re-opening of the Dorm Lounge; the establishment of a student mail system headed by Jack Reiner; and efficient handling of the bulletin boards under the direction of Manny Gold and Judah Harris.

A Clearing House Committee, headed by Marshall Korn and Avinoam Walles, helped to eliminate conflicting student affairs. The committee also kept a complete record of all club officers and members. A SAC sub-committee, headed by Sheldon Kornbluth and Bernard Pshoter, was instrumental in bringing a Red Cross Blood Mobile unit to Yeshiva.

Another project of SAC, the Book Exchange, met with such success that it was made a part of the Co-op Stores. At present, A Student Guide Book and a Student Directory are being prepared under SAC auspices.

Israel Philatelic Society

In the few months of its existence, the Israeli Philatelic Society has already outlined ambitious projects for itself. The most prominent among these was an all-day exhibition of Israeli stamps in May at which time the group was chartered as a chapter of the Society of Israeli Philatelists, an honorary stamp organization. The first issue of the Society's official bulletin, "Studies in Israeli Philately," was distributed at the exhibition.

The officers of the Society are Jack Reiner, president, and Alvin Weisbrod, vice-president. Dr. Alexander Litman, Professor of Philosophy, is faculty adviser.

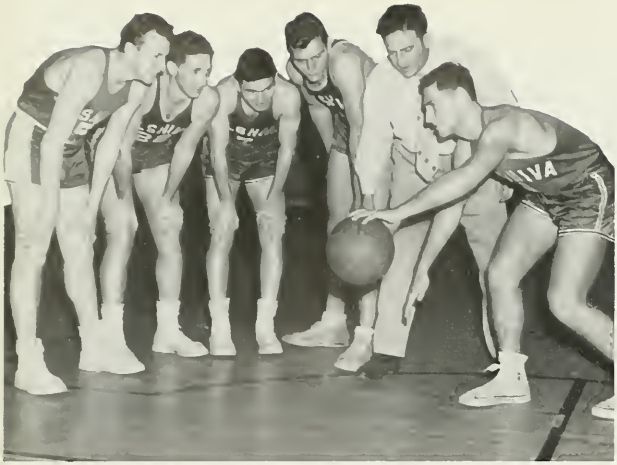
Seated, l. to r.: Morton Schulman, Y. U. Drive Chairman—1953; Irwin Shapiro, Chairman—1952; *standing:* Marshall Korn; Daniel Bonchek, SAC Chairman; Otto Newman.

Y.U. Drive

The 1953 Y. U. Drive for Charities went beyond all expectations as it exceeded its goal of $4,500 by over two hundred dollars. The chairman of the Drive was Morton Shulman. His co-chairmen were: Isaac Goodman, Abraham Kramer, Benjamin Lerner, and Fishel Pearlmutter.

Each Yeshiva and Teachers Institute class had a representative who collected the quota of two dollars per student. Twenty classes fulfilled their quotas. The faculty and graduate school students were also solicited.

As in the past, the funds were distributed to the United Jewish Appeal (35%), P'eylim (35%), and Tashbar (30%).



L. to r.: C. Freundlich, M. Narrowe, E. Levine, A. Sodden, Coach Bernard Sarachek, R. Schucholter.

For the first time in several years, the Mighty Mites of Yeshiva basketball emerged from a hoop season as a "winning ball club," maintaining a split record of ten victories and as many losses.

The 1952-1953 basketball season was highlighted by tears and cheers, surprising upsets, and the phenomenal play of many. Marvin Hershkowitz, the Pride of Yeshiva, in his last year as a Mite, continued his record-breaking feats by smashing the career-scoring record of 920 points set by Marvin Freedman. There was no stopping for Hershkowitz, and on February 21, while Yeshiva was falling before the Panzer Panthers, Hershkawitz was adding more laurels to his name by becaming the first Mite in Yeshiva history to attain the golden mark of one thausand paints scared over a four year periad. Coach Bernard "Red" Sarachek plauded Marvin Hershkawitz as a "credit to Yeshiva University, a fine gentleman, and one af the greatest ball players I have ever coached."

During the annual road trip to Pennsylvania, Yeshiva suffered a disastrous blaw at the hands af Lycoming College of Williamsport. The following evening, what should have been a tired and downhearted Yeshiva quintet went an to register ane of

Marvin Hershkowitz
Captain

Basketball

its biggest upsets in years by defeating top-rated Kings College of Wilkes-Barre, 58-55 — and this was a team that had met such major competition as Iona, Villanova, and Seton Hall, this year's National Invitation champs.

With his outstanding rebounding play, Abe Sodden, 6'4 freshman center, contributed greatly to the success of the season. The fast-moving combination of Allen Gewirtz, Eli Levine and Mort Narrowe, gave the Blue and White important upsets over Panzer, Bloomfield, Pace, New York State Maritime, and Kings. Jay Citron, Leon Green, and Josh Taragin, provided a great deal of spark and hustle for the Heighters, with much well-deserved credit going to the fine coaching assistance of Yeshiva's all-time great, Arthur Stein. A satisfying glance at Yeshiva's future squad was supplied by the impressive showing of reserves Jonah Kupietsky, Sam Cohen, Fred Anisfeld and Alex Steinkoler.

SEASON'S RECORD:

Yeshiva		Opponent
66	Alumni	39
63	Webb	61
58	Adelphi	84
53	Brooklyn	74
66	Queens	73
78	Panzer	64
60	Rider	75
73	Bloomfield	66
64	Cathedral	62
69	Pace	61
64	Bloomfield	73
65	Montclair	80
63	Hunter	71
83	Panzer	92
65	Maritime	56
74	Paterson	67
55	Lycoming	102
58	Kings	55
56	Cooper Union	58
46	Cathedral	36

First row, l. to r.: A. Steinkoler, E. Levine, R. Schuchalter, M. Hershkowitz, L. Green, M. Orlian, S. Cohen; *second row:* Coach Bernard Sarochek, A. Gewirtz, M. Narrowe, A. Sodden, J. Citron, J. Taragin, M. Greenfield—athletic manager, A. Stern.

Fencing

Although only in its fourth year of existence, fencing has become one of the more successful intercollegiote athletic activities at Yeshiva. Starting from scratch, Coach Arthur Tauber, himself a champion college fencer, has managed to build up a team which now boasts a cumulative record of 17 wins and only 4 losses.

Brushed off at first as only a passing fad which would not last, the Yeshiva fencers surprised everybody and showed that the white-clad "oddities" really meant business. Many hard hours of application to learn the rudiments of the game finally paid off for the determined crew. The large crowds at both home and away matches offer proof that the fencers have finally made their mark. Perhops more impressive than anything else is the fine *esprit* de *corps* which exists among the team members.

The three weapon fencing squad was co-captained this year by Eugene Tokayer and Norman Toporovsky. Both are members of the sabre team which has remained undefeated for two years.

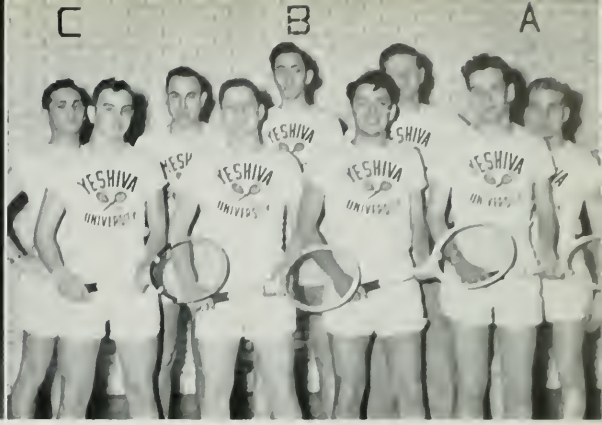
The members of the Varsity include: Foil — Bill Millen, Howard Spear, Herbert Panitch, Seymour Greenfield, Sidney Ingber, Sidney Berger, and Marshall Korn; Epee — David Mostofsky, Neil Hecht, Fred Klein, Barnet Lieberman, Ori Schonthal, Wallace Chamides, and Joseph Mogilner; Sabre — Norman Toporovsky, Herbert Rosenberg, Norman Tokayer, Eugene Tokayer, and Martin Greenhut.

The 1952-53 record is as follows:

Yeshiva		Opponent
14	Brooklyn College	13
14	St. Peter's College	13
18	Paterson State	9
15	Fordham	12
13	C.C.N.Y.	14
14	Cooper Union	13

First row, l. to r.: M. Greenhut, M. Berger, M. Korn, H. Rosenberg, S. Ingber, S. Greenfield, M. Zundell; *second row:* M. Schwartzstein, A. Dobin, H. Spear, N. Tokayer, E. Federbush, J. Gottlieb; *third row:* N. Taparovsky, D. Mases, H. Ziggelman, L. Chameides, N. Hecht, F. Klein, B. Lieberman, O. Schonthal, D. Mostafsky, M. Teichmon, Coach Arthur Tauber.

First row, l. to r.: P. Fleisher, J. Holstein, T. Treitel, M. Elefont, J. Levine; *second row:* V. Hulkower, L. Schonholtz, M. Orlion, M. Weiss, Y. Grunboum, E. Birnboum.



First row, l. to r.: L. Esterowitz, G. Horn, Captain D. Lifshitz, A. Borow manager; *second row:* S. April, A. Gootkin, S. Silverstein, A. Kromer, J. Cohn.

Soccer

This year, the second of its existence, saw the advancement of Yeshiva's soccer team into inter-collegiate ranks. The team made progress in other directions as it acquired uniforms and other necessary equipment. In addition, the booters were able to move out of the gymnasium into more suitable practice grounds.

Flushed with these strides of progress the dauntless team tackled such stiff metropolitan competition as Fordham, Long Island University, and Maritime College. Although they failed to win a single contest, the neophytes played their hearts out, and, with very few graduates among their members, they look forward to a banner season next year.

In addition to Sidney Ingber, the colorful goalkeeper, the team consisted of Mickey Orlian, Teddy Treitel, "Peachy" Grunbaum, Ervin Birnbaum, Moshe Weiss, Bernard Puchowitz, Joe Holstein, Joe Levine, Isaac Shertz, Leon Schoenholz, and Seymour Steinmetz. The team was coached by Gus Meyer. Leon Wildes was squad manager.

The team plans to join the Inter-collegiate Soccer League next season and hopes to make soccer one of the more popular athletic activities at Yeshiva.

Tennis

Yeshiva University's tennis team, another bright spot in this year's sports activities at Yeshiva, finally came up to the "big-time" level in collegiate circles. Win or lose, the Netmen played hard and deliberate ball, meeting such major competition as Columbia, Iona, Queens, New York State Maritime, St. Johns, and West Point.

The highlight of the year was a trip to play the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, on April 15. The tennis squad was led on a tour of the "Point," and received an interesting taste of fine military courtesy. The hard fought contest, watched by a large group of cheering Cadets, had in it every conceivable type of college spirit, which added much to the success of the day.

Coached for the second consecutive year by the famous tennis pro, Eli Epstein, the "Racket Squad" was led by veterans Allen Gewirtz, Marv Gootkin, Eugene Horn, and Dave Lifschutz. Sam Silverstein, Leon Esterowitz, Sam April, Stan Rosenberg and Art Gootkin comprised the remainder of Yeshiva's tennis team. Aaron Borow was squad manager.

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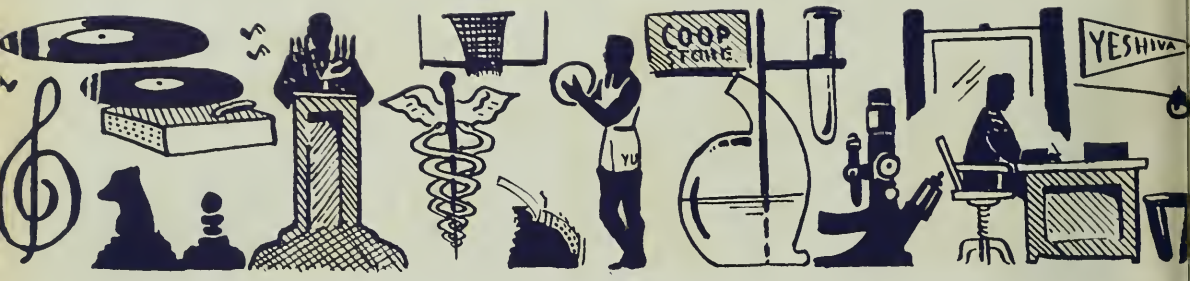
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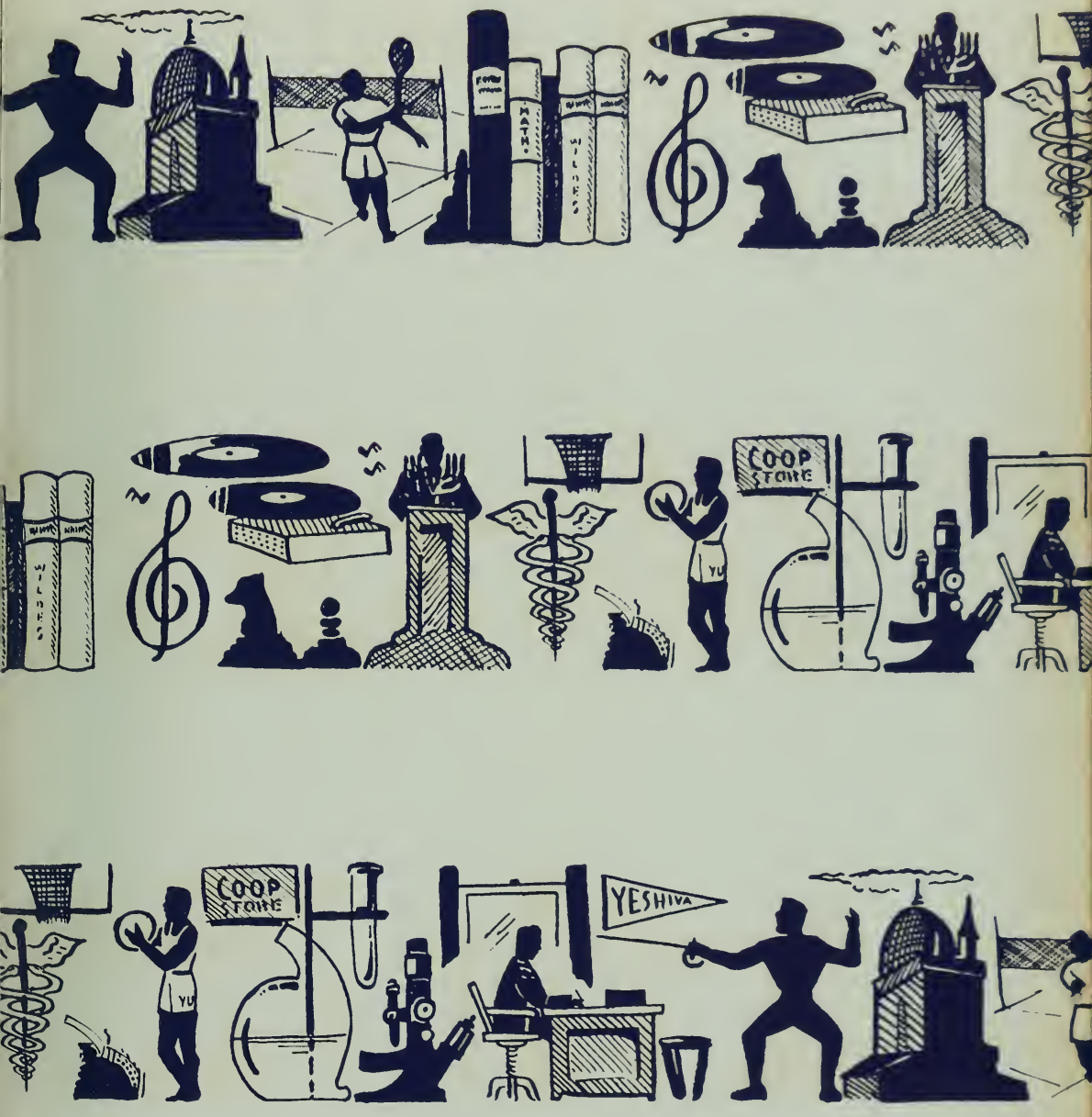
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